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May

I must have a notebook to go to the Louvre and study the history of painting more seriously than I have hitherto done. Admiration need not be lazy. I should like to study Chardin as an interpreter rather than as a critic; not indulge in style; make amazed observations; then explain these things to myself. There is always something to learn by assuming before someone great an attentive and devout attitude.

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May

This morning, having arisen at five o'clock, I worked as I used to do. But the morning should not be devoted to production; it is better adapted to philology and the study of foreign languages.

Really there would be some joy in feeling robust and *normal.* *I* am waiting.

9 May

When you go to Henri de Regnier's in the evening, you find him seated in an armchair turning his back to the lamp that lights his book. Nothing more studious and charming than Henri de Regnier with a book; he reminds me of the time when nothing distracted me from my readings. How different all that is now!

Saturday

Played Schumann and Chopin to Pierre Louis; played until evening.

Yporf, *Saturday*

. . . and those white flowers, whiter in the shadow, still whiter in the night, shone against the dark grass of the lawns. The fine gravel of the path shone too; we followed the path between the fragrant lilacs and as it plunged under the huge trees. Then the stagnant

water of the pond beckoned to us and we kept on walking. Finally the moon, which we preferred at the moment suspended in a foggy sky as if swimming, appeared among the branches, And, dreaming already, we returned to the house to sleep.

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May

We shall not lose any of our anxieties. Their cause is within us, not outside us. Our mind is so constructed that everything unsettles it, and only in solitude does it find a bit of tranquillity. Then the thought of God troubles it.

What I like in the work of art is that it is calm; no one more than I has longed for rest, nor has loved unrest more.

I spent a whole period of my youth trying to prove to others the emo* tions that I should have felt if that effort to prove them had not killed them all.